

Would you like to hear the Good News?

God still loves you. He never stopped loving you. He loved you so much that He sent His Son Jesus to bring you back. All you have to do is let Him bring you back. Will you pray with me?

"Lord Jesus... I want to stop trusting in myself...and what I can do...and start trusting in you...and what you have already done...when you died for me on the cross. I know that! am a sinner...and I am sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me...I believe you rose again...and I invite you to come and live inside of me. I want you to be my Savior and Lord...which means being #1 in my life. I want to repent and turn away...from everything you and the Bible call sin...and I totally commit myself... to obeying you...every day, for the rest of my life. Lord Jesus baptize me in your precious Holy Spirit. Thank you Jesus."

Now that you have made peace with God, He is ready for you to begin to grow in a personal relationship with Him.

Receiving More of Jesus? "The Baptism in the Holy Spirit"

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is God. You might ask, "If the Holy Spirit is God, and Jesus is God, and the Heavenly Father is God, are there three Gods?" No. There is only one God as stated earlier. But God is unified as One and exists in the three Persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This threefold nature of God is exhibited even in creation. Humans have a body, a mind, and an eternal spirit. Our mind is not our body. Our spirit is not our mind. Are we then three people? No. We are just one person with three manifestations.

After we receive eternal life through confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior, we can also receive what the Bible calls the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The purpose of this Baptism is to be anointed like Jesus and do the works that He did. Through this Baptism we receive the power of God, the supernatural fruit of the Holy Spirit, and the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, long-suffering, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). We receive these supernatural capabilities in our lives when we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed in 1 Corinthians 12. Through the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, God distributes these great gifts to each one individually as He wills for each situation (1 Corinthians 12:8-11).

Would you like to receive this great gift?

Yes No

Throughout the New Testament, the Bible shows the manifestations of the gifts after receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Initially the gift of utterance, a language not previously known to the person is received, or interpretation of tongues, or prophesy. The gifts of power are faith, healings, or miracles. The gifts of revelation are also available: word of knowledge, word of wisdom, or discernment of spirits, or any combinations of these gifts. The Holy Spirit will manifest His presence differently at different times depending on which gift or gifts are needed at that time.

Do you believe these things?

Yes No

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is received by faith just as salvation is received. Pray the following prayer or one similar to it.

Dear Heavenly Father. I believe You are the source of all love and power. I ask right now for the gift of the Holy Spirit. I have faith in You, and that You will give me this great gift. Because I have asked, I believe I have now received the Power of God, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in my life. I have received all these wonderful gifts by faith. I also ask that You will show me how to use these gifts for Your glory by Christ Jesus. I pray now thanking you in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. Luke 11:13

Do you believe you have received these great gifts?

Yes No

You have received these gifts. You should begin to use these gifts now that God has given you.



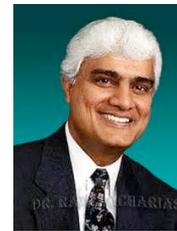
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Hearing His Voice

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Revelations 12:11

MY FAILURES LED TO A MOMENT OF TRUTH



Ravi Zacharias

My name is Ravi Zacharias, and I was born on March 26, 1946 in Chennai, India, formerly known Madras, India. We moved to Delhi when I was four years old. My Dad worked for the Indian government. He started in the Defense Ministry, and after several other positions, ended up in the Home Ministry. Dad was a very important man and was very busy. He didn't have a lot of time for us kids. In fact, I was about a year old before my father even saw me, because he was sent to Nottingham, England.

My parent's marriage was arranged, and we were nominal Christians. Our parents never talked to us about the Gospel. We went to a High Anglican church. The only thing I knew that I wasn't Hindu or Muslim, but we were called Christians. We attended church on Christmas, and celebrated Good Friday. As I was going into my teenage years, I experienced loneliness and most of these feelings were self-inflicted. I was not interested in studies, and I had no interest in books. My main interest was tennis and cricket in primary school.

In India, school is very academically competitive. In fact, the highest rate of suicides is right after the posting of grades in the newspapers. My life was punctured by failure, and I barely squeaked through. When I went to the university, my actions brought a lot of hostility from my father. He felt that I wasn't going anywhere, and this would bring disgrace upon the family. Dad had paid a lot of money for us to go to school and many times I wouldn't even show up. I took a lot of thrashings. My Dad had an uncontrollable temper. He would beat me, my mother, and my four siblings. I couldn't figure out why he had it in for me. We hadn't received any instruction at home about God. One day my sisters came home, and

talked about a Youth for Christ (YFC) rally, and asked me if I would like to go. I said, "I wasn't interested in that." But then they said, "They were going to serve refreshments afterwards." I was a foodie guy. I asked, "What are they serving?" And they said, "All this nice tasty food." So I canceled my cricket game, and invited my best friend, my brother-in-law, to go with me. They did not serve refreshments, and I was disgusted.

At the main rally, my life changed when I heard Sam Wolgemuth speak. He was the President of YFC, and he spoke on John 3:16 and gave an altar call. The soloist sang *There is a Balm in Gilead*. Sam's message had such a settling effect on me as if I had received a touch from God and reality. Thousands were packed in the hundred and ten degree Fahrenheit auditorium. I was the only one to walk forward to receive Christ that night. The man that I talked with was Ben Wylie. He asked me, "Why are you here?" I said, "I want what that man has." I chuckled and made fun of my decision. I just wanted to be caviler about everything. However, I knew that something was spiritually happening. I felt a strong presence of sin in my life.

After a few months went by, the world caved in on me. My Dad was very hard on me. I went to the university lab and picked up some chemicals marked "Poison" and took it home. I didn't know if I would go through my suicide plan or not. I had no hope. There was no tomorrow. The next day, everyone had left the house. The only one home was a servant, and he was down the hall from my bedroom. Five of us kids lived in this little bedroom with an attached bathroom. I shut the door and put all those little packages into a glass of water, stirred it with a teaspoon, and everything began to bubble and froth, and flow out of the glass. I gulped it down. It was such a salty concoction that my body couldn't contain it. I began to throw up. Once the gag reflux took over, I couldn't stop. I was holding on to the sink as my feet were collapsing under me. I had just enough presence to scream and our servant broke down the door to get me.

When I came too, I was in the hospital with needles sticking all over my body. My mother was standing there, and my father had just come through the door. I knew what he was thinking. I had brought disgrace upon the family, and I didn't know how to live, and I didn't know how to die. The doctor didn't give me much hope. He wasn't sure if I would make it. He felt that I did a lot of damage to my organs. My Mom was standing there when a local Christian worker was singing *There is Balm of Gilead*. My Mom asked, "How did you get here?" The worker said, "I am a minister." Mrs. Zacharias said, "My son is in very critical condition." The minister said, "I need to give him this Bible, and he opened it up to John 14. She said, "You can't talk to him." He asked my mother to read it to me. It was John 14:19 that touched me and meant to me as the defining paradigm: "Because I live, you also will live." No one had to explain it to me. I had never owned or read the Bible. I thought, "This may be my only hope: A new way of living. Life as defined by the Author of Life." and that I committed my life to Christ praying, "Jesus if You are the one who gives life as it is meant to

be, I want it. Please get me out of this hospital bed, and I promise to leave no stone unturned in my pursuit of truth." Five days later I walked out of the Wellington Hospital in Delhi, India, a totally different man.

In 1966, I emigrated with my family to Canada, earning a undergraduate degree from the Ontario Bible College in 1972 (now Tyndale University College & Seminary) and a Masters of Divinity from Trinity International University. Even unto this day, I will take a taxi and park in front of the Wellington Hospital. This is where it all happened. God had made a man to come and give me a Bible. Something of an internal transaction took place. Had Sam Wolgemuth not spoke at the YFC rally, I would not have had a picture of where I was headed, or a road map to get to this place. I prayed the sinners prayer and my life changed forever.

In May 1972, I married Margaret "Margie" Reynolds, whom I met at my church's youth group. We have three children: Sarah, Naomi, and Nathan.

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GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

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- To call men to God: to help men become born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit, operate in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- To mentor young men who have never had a positive male role model by being a spiritual father to them.
- To provide a basis of fellowship among all men everywhere, regardless of church affiliation.
- To bring about a greater measure of unity and harmony in the Body of Christ.
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